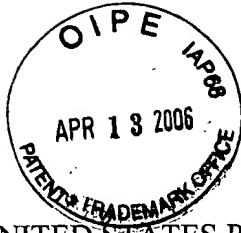


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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant petitions to extend the time for response to the Office Action of December 15, 2006, to April 15, 2006. A check in the amount of \$120.00 in payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing beginning on page 2, and the Remarks begin on page 14.

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